

*SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS*

*At page 1, under the title, insert the following new paragraph:*

This application is the U.S. national phase of international patent application PCT/EP03/03772, filed on April 11, 2003, and claims priority to German patent application number 102 17 034.7, filed April 11, 2002, all of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

*Amendment to paragraph 4, page 2:*

~~According to the invention, this object with regard to the fuel cell system is achieved by way of claim 1 and with regard to the manufacturing method for such a fuel cell system by way of claim 17.~~ This object preferably is achieved by the characterizing features of the present invention.

*Amendment to paragraph 4, page 3:*

~~Advantageous embodiments of the fuel cell system are possible according to the dependent claims 2 to 16 and are explained hereinafter.~~ Advantageous embodiments and further developments of the solution will be apparent from the description of the invention provided herein.